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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action mailed by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on January 6, 2006, with a date for response of April 6, 2006, and in accordance with Rule 116 of the Rules of Practice, please enter the following amendments and consider the accompanying remarks. Applicants are also submitting herewith an Amendment Transmittal letter.

It is believed that no fee is required for these submissions. However, should the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determine that any fee is required or that any refund is owed for this application, the Commissioner is hereby authorized and requested to charge any deficiency and/or credit any refund owed to our Deposit Account No. 04-0100.

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